

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8: Canceled

9. (currently amended) A system for administering promotions associated with a wagering application in which a player purchases credit to make wagers on a game of chance and can use a priori promotion credit awarded to the player to make wagers on the game of chance, wherein the a priori promotion credit is available to the player for immediate use for wagers without condition, said system comprising:

a credit administration facility operable to maintain a credit account for the player, wherein the credit administration facility is operable to automatically determine the balance of the credit account of the player as a function of any credit purchases made by the player, wagers made by the player and their corresponding payouts, and any a priori promotion credit awarded to the player, the credit administration facility being instructable to display the balance of the credit account to the player on a display means, wherein the credit administration facility is further operable to maintain a non-cashable sub-account corresponding to a portion of the player's credit account that is not redeemable for monetary value until a play-through requirement has been met and to maintain at least one play-through sub-account for the player.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 9 in which the credit administration facility is instructable to display a balance of the non-cashable sub-account to the player on the display means.

12. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 9 in which the credit administration facility detects the award of a priori promotion credit to the player, the a priori promotion credit having a corresponding quantum and a corresponding play-through multiplier.

13. (original) A system as claimed in claim 12 in which the credit administration facility increments a balance of the player's non-cashable sub-account by the quantum of the a priori promotion credit.

14. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 13 in which the at least one play-through sub-account for the player includes a play through required sub-account, and a play through achieved sub-account.

15. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 9 in which the credit administration facility is instructable to display a balance of the at least one play through sub-account to the player on the display means.

16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 14 in which the credit administration facility increments the balance of the play-through required sub-account by an amount that is a function of the quantum of the a priori promotion credit and the play through multiplier.

18. (original) A system as claimed in claim 17 in which the function is the quantum of the a priori promotion credit multiplied by the play through multiplier.

19. (original) A system as claimed in claim 18 in which the credit administration facility increments the balance of the play through achieved sub-account by an amount equal to a size of the wager made by the player on the game of chance.

20. (original) A system as claimed in claim 19 in which the credit administration facility debits the balance of the player's credit account and the balance of the non-cashable sub-account with the size of the wager and credits these balances with a payout arising from the wager, if successful.

21. (original) A system as claimed in claim 20 in which the credit account facility clears the balances of the play through required the play through achieved sub-accounts when the size of the wager exceeds the balance of the non-cashable sub-account.

22. (original) A system as claimed in claim 21 in which the credit administration facility enables the player to request a cash-out at any time.

23. (original) A system as claimed in claim 22 in which the credit administration facility automatically determines, in response to the player's cash-out request, a balance of the player credit account that is redeemable for monetary value and displays the redeemable balance to the player on the display means.

24. (original) A system as claimed in claim 23 in which the redeemable balance is the difference between the balance of the player's credit account and the non-cashable sub-account if the balance of the play-through achieved sub-account is less than the balance of the play through required sub-account.

25. (original) A system as claimed in claim 23 in which the redeemable balance is the difference between the balance of the player's credit account and the lesser of the balance of the non-cashable sub-account and a cumulative total of a priori promotion credit awarded to the player if the balance of the play through achieved sub-account is not less than the balance of the play through required sub-account.

26. (currently amended) A method for administering promotions associated with a wagering application in which a player purchases credit to make wagers on a game of chance and can use a priori promotion credit awarded to the player to make wagers on the game of chance,

wherein the a priori promotion credit is available to the player for immediate use for wagers without condition, the method comprising:

maintaining a credit account for the player;

maintaining a non-cashable sub-account corresponding to a portion of the player's credit account that is not redeemable for monetary value until a play-through requirement has been met;

maintaining at least one play through sub-account for the player;

automatically determining the balance of the credit account of the player as a function of any credit purchases made by the player, wagers made by the player and their corresponding payouts, and any a priori promotion credit awarded to the player; and

displaying, upon instruction the balance of the credit account to the player.

27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 26 that includes a step of displaying, upon instruction, a balance of the non-cashable sub-account to the player.

29. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 26 that includes a step of detecting the award of a priori promotion credit to the player, the a priori promotion credit having a corresponding quantum and a corresponding play through multiplier.

30. (original) A method as claimed in claim 29 in which a balance of the player's non-cashable sub-account is incremented by the quantum of the a priori promotion credit.

31. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 30 in which the at least one play through sub-account includes a play through required sub-account, and a play through achieved sub-account.

32. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 26 in which a balance of the at least one play-through sub-account to the player is displayed upon instruction.

33. (canceled)

34. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 31 in which the balance of the play through required sub-account is incremented by an amount that is a function of the quantum of the of the a priori promotion credit and the play through multiplier.

35. (original) A method as claimed in claim 34 in which the function is the quantum of the a priori promotion credit multiplied by the play through multiplier.

36. (original) A method as claimed in claim 35 in which the balance of the play through achieved sub-account is incremented by an amount equal to a size of the wager made by the player on the game of chance.

37. (original) A method as claimed in claim 36 in which the balance of the player's credit account and the balance of the non-cashable sub-account is debited with the size of the

wager and in which these balances are credited with a payout arising from the wager, if successful.

38. (original) A method as claimed in claim 37 in which the balances of the play through required and the play through achieved sub-accounts are cleared when the size of the wager exceeds the balance of the non-cashable sub-account.

39. (original) A method as claimed in claim 38 which includes the step of enabling the player to request a cash-out at any time.

40. (original) A method as claimed in claim 39 which includes a step of automatically determining, in response to the player's cash-out request, a balance of the player credit account that is redeemable for monetary value and displaying the redeemable balance to the player.

41. (original) A method as claimed in claim 40 in which the redeemable balance is determined to be the difference between the balance of the player's credit account and the non-cashable sub-account if the balance of the play-through achieved sub-account is less than the balance of the play through required sub-account.

42. (original) A method as claimed in claim 40 in which the redeemable balance is determined to be the difference between the balance of the player's credit account and the lesser of the balance of the non-cashable sub-account and a cumulative total of a priori promotion credit

awarded to the player if the balance of the play-through achieved sub-account is not less than the balance of the play through required sub-account.

43. (canceled)

44. (canceled)

45. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a credit administration facility for administering any a priori promotion credit and any a posteriori credit associated with a player account, ~~wherein the player account is usable by a player to make wagers on house edge services, in which a house acts as banker, and on peer-to-peer services, in which the house does not act as banker but levies a transaction charge,~~ the credit administration facility being operable to compute:

(i) a total balance of the player account as a function of wagers made by the player on house edge services, in which a house acts as a banker, and wagers made by the player on peer-to-peer services, in which the house does not act as a banker but levies a transaction charge;

(ii) play through achieved for the any a priori promotion credit;

(iii) play through achieved for the any a posteriori promotion credit; and

(iv) a cashable portion of the total balance, wherein the cashable portion is affected by play through achieved for the any a priori promotion credit in accordance with a first play through requirement and by play through achieved for the any a posteriori promotion credit in accordance with a second play through requirement.

46. (previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein winnings arising from wagers made with the any a priori promotion credit contribute to the cashable portion when the first play through requirement is met.

47. (previously presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the any a priori promotion credit does not contribute to the cashable portion at any time.

48. (previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the any a priori promotion credit progressively contributes to the cashable portion as a function of wagers made by the player on house edge services.

49. (previously presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the any a posteriori promotion credit contributes to the cashable portion when the second play through requirement is met.

50. (currently amended) A method comprising:

computing a total balance of a player account, ~~wherein the player account is usable by a player to make~~ as a function of wagers made by the player on house edge services, in which a house acts as banker, and wagers made by the player on peer-to-peer services, in which the house does not act as banker but levies a transaction charge;

computing play through achieved for any a priori promotion credit associated with the player account;

computing play through achieved for any a posteriori promotion credit associated with the player account; and

computing a cashable portion of the total balance, wherein the cashable portion is affected by play through achieved for the any a priori promotion credit in accordance with a first play through requirement and by play through achieved for the any a posteriori promotion credit in accordance with a second play through requirement.

51. (previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein winnings arising from wagers made with the any a priori promotion credit contribute to the cashable portion when the first play through requirement is met.

52. (previously presented) The method of claim 51, wherein the any a priori promotion credit does not contribute to the cashable portion at any time.

53. (previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the any a priori promotion credit progressively contributes to the cashable portion as a function of wagers made by the player on house edge services.

54. (previously presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the any a posteriori promotion credit contributes to the cashable portion when the second play through requirement is met.